2017 Cass County Fair 4-H Schedule
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PRE-FAIR
June 1 Livestock DNA Envelopes & ID Sheets for State Fair & All-Sage are due
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July 15 Pre-entry for Livestock for County Fair
July 29 Shooting Sports Contest (Rifle, Shotgun, Archery)
August 3 Clothing Check-in, Clothing, Modeling and Interview Clothing Judging (Thursday) 8:30 a.m.
TBD Tractor Driving Workshop and Contest
August 5 Livestock Buildings, 4-H Building, and Grounds Clean-up 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
4:40 p.m. Entry of all 4-H Exhibits except Livestock, Rabbis, Poultry, Small Animals & Clothing

MONDAY, AUGUST 7
8:00 a.m. Judging to begin in all divisions (except Livestock, Rabbis, Poultry, Small Animals and Clothing)
8:00 - 10 a.m. Enter 4-H Flowers & Vegetables (can be entered Sunday night)
11:00 a.m. Table Setting Contest
1:00 p.m. County 4-H Presentation Contest
5:00 p.m. 4-H Air Rifle/BB Gun Contest

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
7:30 a.m. Dog Show (By Open Air Auditorium)
This includes Cloverb Kids Dog Show
5:00 p.m. All Sheep/Goats must be on the Fairgrounds
5:00 p.m. Weight in Meat Goats
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Check in Sheep (Breeding ewes must be checked in at the table after Market Lambs weigh)
6:30 p.m. Cake Auction/4-H Fashion Show/Awards (Open Air Auditorium) Bidding begins for the silent auction in the 4-H Building, winners announced
10 a.m. -5 p.m. Enter Rabbits & Poultry - 4-H and Open Class
8:00-10:30 p.m. Enter Rabbits & Poultry - 4-H and Open Class

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
7:00-9:00 a.m. Swine weigh in and Hog Scatting for Carcass Contest (4-H Member or family member must be with pigs when weighed)
7:00 a.m. All Dairy Goats and Dairy Cattle in place on fairgrounds.
8:00 a.m. 4-H Horse Show (Horse Arena)
8:00 a.m. Dairy Cow, Dairy Goat and Meat Goat (Dairy Goats & Dairy Cows in milk may be released after the show)
1:00 p.m. Sheep Show
2:00 p.m. Check in Feeder Calves
4:30 p.m. Feeder & Bucket Calve Show (Bucket calves must be released after the show, Feeder Calves may stay)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10
Poultry Check-in (arrive Tuesday)
Poultry Showmanship - 4-H & Open Class
8:00 a.m. Swine Show
8:00 a.m. Market Beef and Breeding Beef need to be at Fairgrounds
10:00 a.m. Cut Check-in (will be released immediately after the show)
10:15 a.m. Cat Show
10:00 a.m. Market Beef weigh-in Breeding Heifer check-in
11:15 a.m. Small Animal Check-in (will be released after the show)
11:30 a.m. Small Animal Show - 4-H & Open Class
3:30 p.m. Performing Arts Contest in the Open Air Auditorium

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11
Market & Breeding Beef Show
8:00 a.m. Rabbit Show (Arrive Tuesday evening)
9:00 a.m. 4-H Showmanship and 4-H Rabbit Show followed by Open Class Rabbit Show
12:30 p.m. Horse Judging Contest, Arena
4:00 p.m. Round Robin Contest
TBD 50 Year Celebration

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12
7:30 a.m. Dog Show Agility portion (west of Expo Building)
9:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contest, register at 8:30 a.m.
2:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Premium Sale
6:00 p.m. Parade - Horses, Dairy and Beef animals welcome in the parade
7:30 p.m. Horse 4-H Fun Nite (Horse Arena)
8:00 p.m. Silent Auction ends for quilts in 4-H Building, winners announced
10:00 p.m. Release all static exhibits in 4-H Building, Horses, Rabbits, Poultry, Rabbits and Poultry will not have a Sunday release.

***No Livestock leave Saturday Night

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Continue Release of Horses and other Animals
No Sunday release of Rabbits and Poultry. If any pens and stalls are left unclean, exhibitor checks will be held.
Continue release of Exhibits, clean-up buildings and grounds.

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Extension is a Division of the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln cooperating with the Counties and the United States Department of Agriculture.

The 4-H Youth Development program abides with the nondiscrimination policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the United States Department of Agriculture.
Saturday, August 5th at 9:00 am
Fairgrounds Cleanup
Many Hands Make Light Work

We understand you have last minute things to do to get fair projects ready, but please make time to join other Cass County 4-Hers and families at the fairgrounds to prepare the barns and grounds for your animals and exhibits. Don’t assume someone else will be doing it. Clean up and set up doesn’t just happen by themselves. What needs to be prepared?

- The livestock barn
- The horse barn
- The small animal barn
- The 4-H building
- The 4-H office
- The grounds

Bring a broom, bucket, rags, rake, and gloves.

When the place is ready, we will celebrate with root beer floats, and have a sense of pride for how great our fairgrounds look for this 50th celebration year!

Alone we co so little;
Together we can do so MUCH!
~ Helen Keller

There is an after-the-fair clean-up time also.
Watch for an announcement from the Ag Society Fair

Remember to add this to your community service records!
Pre-Registrations due July 15th

What needs to be pre-entered? Some county fair exhibits have to be pre-entered …… livestock, small animal, horse, clover kid animals, fashion show, contests, and the preforming arts show entries need to be pre-entered.

Livestock: Pre-entry forms for livestock and small animals (the forms you fill out to tell us exactly what animals you are bringing to the county fair) are due July 15th. You have two options for livestock and small animals:

A new on-line option can be found at: http://cass.fairwire.com/ Directions for this on-line option can be found at http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/ShoWorksInstructions%20for%20pre-entries.pdf

Hard copy paper option can be found on our website at http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/pre-entry-forms-for-the-cass-county-fair/

Wood Chips: When you fill out the pre-registration form for the stall reservations, please note that there is a cattle stall wood chips fee due July 15th for each 4-H Club or independent 4-Her, payable to the fair board at: Cass County Agricultural Society. Fees are $10 per head for market beef, breeding beef, dairy cattle and stocker feeder calves (staying at the fair).

Stalling Assignments
Stalling Assignments are made with careful consideration. Please only use the stalls pre-assigned to you and your club, as posted in the barns.

Note About Static exhibits:
Static exhibits do not need to be pre-entered. You will fill out a pink entry card/tag, one per entry, when you bring them to the fair, August 7th from 4:00 to 6:00. These pink entry cards are available at the extension office.

Cass County 4-H Fair Dress Code

4-H exhibitors participating in 4-H events must adhere to the 4-H dress code. Beef, Swine, Sheep, Meat Goats, Dog, Poultry, and Rabbit participants should wear dark colored or blue jeans with a 4-H T-shirt or a white shirt or blouse with sleeves with the official 4-H chevron and no headgear.

Armbands, chevrons, and 4-H T-shirts can be purchased at the Extension Office before the fair and at the 4-H Office on the fairgrounds during the fair.

Both white and green 4-H t-shirts are available for sale:

- White shirts with a green clover are $6.00, XXL shirts are $6.50.
- Green shirts with a white clover will be $7.00, XXL shirts are $7.50.

Hard soled shoes or boots should be worn. Shorts, halter tops and midriffs are not appropriate. Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat exhibitors should adhere to the above code, except that white jeans or trousers are recommended. Horse participants should wear the dress and equipment described under "General Show Rules" in the Nebraska 4-H Horse Show and Judging Guide handbook.

State Fair Discounted Tickets

4-H families can purchase discounted state fair tickets for only $5.00. They must be ordered through the 4-H Office. Orders and payment MUST be in by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday of the fair (August 9th).

Click here to read about the discounted tickets.
### Exhibitor Numbers

4-H Livestock Exhibitors will receive a back-tag exhibitor card with an exhibitor number to wear when they are showing at the fair. Exhibitors will use the same number for multiple shows, i.e. beef, sheep, small animal, etc. They will be available for pick up in the 4-H office when the fair begins.

### Herdsmanship

Livestock exhibitors are expected to keep their pens and exhibit area clean, neat and as attractive as possible. The entire area should be presented in an attractive manner to the spectators and public at all times. Herdsmanship Judging will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day of the fair. Each exhibitor is expected to do a good job as herdsman. Club, as well as Champion, signs may be hung. No other signs or displays will be permitted. Stalls and pens are to be cleaned of all manure and bedding when animals are released; pens will be checked.

### If you are planning to attend the State Fair livestock show, take note …

The State Fair entry information is available on their website: [www.Nebr.fairwire.com](http://www.Nebr.fairwire.com)

Please include all of your information on the form as it will be needed for entry into this year's show. Entry forms are due on-line by **August 10th** (due during the county fair!)

### Clover Kid Fair Information

- Clover Kids’ static exhibits will be entered during regular 4-H entry times.
- **For all animals, Clover Kids will fill out one pre-registration form, which is due July 15th.** All Clover Kid Livestock must be in the barn by 8:00a.m. the day of the show. They will be dismissed immediately after they show. If sharing an animal with a family member, the animal must remain on the grounds for the duration of the allotted stay for all livestock.
- Clover Kid members entering projects may be interviewed. Small animals, poultry and rabbit projects will be interviewed at the beginning of the regular 4-H shows. A short interview for bucket calf, sheep, goat and swine Clover Kid exhibitors will be conducted by the judge while the Clover Kids are in the show ring.
- Clover Kid exhibits will receive a Clover Kid ribbon. Exhibits will not receive premium money.
- Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Dairy Goats, Swine & Sheep needed to be tagged and registered at the Cass County Extension Office. They must be pre-entered as exhibits at the Fair by **July 15th**.
- Clover Kids may model at the Clothing & Modeling Contest, Thursday, August 3rd. A schedule with times assigned will be e-mailed to 4-H members who have pre-registered by **July 15th** for the contest. Clothing entries not modeled at the contest may be entered between 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., Thursday, July 21st or Sunday, August 6th.
- All Clover Kids must wear a 4-H t-shirt when they show at the fair.

### If you are planning to attend the Ak-Sar-Ben Stock Show, take note …

Aksarben entries are due **August 31st.** I got an email from the Aksarben webmaster today (July 13th) and he told me that entry link is not yet active, but it will be very soon. It will be on the front page of the Aksarben website: [www.aksarbenstockshow.com](http://www.aksarbenstockshow.com)  Start checking for that link as soon as next week.
**50th year Celebration at the County Fair Parade**

This is the year to be in the parade! It’s going to be awesome! It is Saturday evening, August 12th, beginning at 6:00 pm. Line-up will be from 4:00 pm to 5:45 pm with the line forming at the north end of the fair grounds.

Be creative and make an awesome float. Walk with a 4-H banner. And watch for the baton twirlers who learned a parade routine at the summer 4-H workshops! It’s going to be a lot of fun!

Use the 4-H theme “4-H Grows Here” logo, the fair theme “50 Years of County Dreams and Blue Jeans” or challenge your friends and club members to come up with a new creative idea to promote 4-H!

**Saturday ~ August 12th ~ 6:00 pm ~ Parade Time!**

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**Shooting Sports**

Shooting Sports contests require careful planning, safety equipment, certification training including a minimum of 10 hours of instruction by a certified shooting sports instructor, proper attire, and parental supervision. 4-H’ers must be enrolled in 4HOnline and are required to pre-enter prior to the contests.

There are five divisions to shooting sports: BB Gun, Air Rifle, Small Bore Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery. For age requirements and class breakdowns, please refer to the county website: [http://bit.ly/2qbQy2q](http://bit.ly/2qbQy2q)

The Rifle/Shotgun/Archery Competition will be Saturday, July 29th at Platte River State Park. The 4-H Air Rifle and BB Gun Competitions will be Monday, Aug. 7th at 5:00 p.m. at the Cass County Fairgrounds.

The pre-entry form can be found on the website at: [http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/pre-entry-forms-for-the-cass-county-fair/](http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/pre-entry-forms-for-the-cass-county-fair/)

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**Premium Sale Rabbits**

Only Fryer Class rabbits (G-83-980 and G-83-981) are allowed to participate in the premium sale at the county fair.

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**Pop Tabs:** Cass County 4-H is still collecting pop tabs! Please keep collecting tabs and bring them to the extension office at any time or drop them off at the 4-H office during the fair.

**Working on your 4-H projects? Can’t wait to see what you’ll be bringing to the fair!**

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**Gardening Project Exhibitors**

*Important Reminder:* 4-Hers exhibiting horticulture projects, be sure to note the cultivar when filling out your entry tag. This information needs to be included on the entry tag when you enter your exhibits at the county fair.

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**Clothing Exhibitors**

Clothing Judging and Modeling happen before the actual fair. This contest is Thursday, August 3rd, starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Expo Building on the fairgrounds. All Department “C” clothing and consumer management exhibits must be brought to the fair at this time. Fashion Show pre-entry forms are available in the Extension office or on the website and are due **July 15.** 4-Hers can model a constructed garment and a Shopping in Style or Attention Shoppers outfit. Refer to the fairbook for specific details.
4-H Contests at the Fair

Have you considered entering in a contest at the county fair? They are good! Click here to find out about them on the website.

Several contests need a pre-entry form, submitted by July 15th. They can be accessed on our website at: http://extension.unl.edu/statewide/cass/pre-entry-forms-for-the-cass-county-fair/

* Presentations Contest
* Teaching (Trade Show Exhibit) Presentation
* 4-H Filmfest (Digital Video)
* Performing Arts Contest
* Table Setting Contest
* 4-H Shooting Sports Contest
* Livestock Judging Contest
* Horse Judging Contest

Note: The tractor driving contest is canceled for this year. We did not have enough entries to hold this contest.

50 years of Denim Jeans!

This year’s fair board is expanding the 50 year celebration is to include decorating the Ag Hall, (and other buildings, too) with denim! They’re hoping for lots of denim pennants and streamers! You might want to tie in a little red to spruce it up. You could even make some denim flags, or whatever you can think of denim. Google “denim pennants” and you’ll find LOTS of fun ideas!

There will be a special contest with prizes of $10 for 3rd place overall, $15 for 2nd place, and a grand prize of $25 for the very best 1st place denim decoration.

If your club is interested we have some old denim jeans waiting to be transformed into something decorative for the fair. Be the first to call the extension office at 402-267-2205 to get more denim!

Flower Barrels

Remember the beautiful flower barrels at the fair last year? The Ag Society has liners again this year, available at the Extension Office. Come and get a liner for $12.00 and have your club fill it with flowers. It doesn’t have to be just clubs, individuals can also decorate a liner with flowers to take to the fair.

After the fair, if you want to keep the flower liner, the Ag Society will cash your check. If you don’t want to keep it, you’ll get your check back.

Cash prizes will be awarded again this year. Contact Susan Platt at 402-440-1440 if you have questions.

Barn Quilts for the County Fair

Maechelle Clements, originator of the Nebraska Barn Quilt project and Barn Quilt tour in Cass County, along with the Cass County Ag Society, have brought a fun project to this year’s fair. 4-H Clubs and individuals have the opportunity to paint and display barn quilt designs at the fair. Maechelle is happy to help you pick out a quilt block pattern, come to your club for a presentation, and assist you with how rural barn quilts are made.

If you have questions, please contact Machelle at rick@clemanthsusa.com, or call her at 402-994-3155 or Alan Horn at 402-267-4045.
Take Note:

All livestock stall reservations and stall fees are due July 15th. Make sure your leader knows how many animals you are taking to the fair.

When looking in the fair book, the static items with a SF in front of the Class Number are eligible for selection for “State Fair” exhibit. All others are “County Only” exhibits.

4-H’ers may sign up to interview with the Foods Judge, Photography Judge and/or Plants Judge on Monday of the fair. Sign up at check-in time on Sunday from 4pm to 6pm. Interviews are optional.

Camping trailer spots at the County Fair are first-come-first-serve. Envelopes for payment are located in the sign.

The Open Class Fair books are available at the Extension Office. There are so many fun things to do, contests to enter, and activities to attend. Think about this .. Do you have an extra or “practice” 4-H project you want to exhibit in open class?

To sell something in the Cake Auction at the fair, 4-Hers must be enrolled in the current 4-H year and take at least one exhibit to the fair (in any 4-H division) to be judged.

Youth who attended workshops, if you made something at the workshop, you can exhibit it at the fair.

The 4-H Fair Office phone number is different than the Extension Office phone. It is 402-267-4415.

Nebraska 4-H wants to celebrate your everyday scientific achievements! Enter at the County Fair!

Science is a process of discovering the world around you through experiments and observations. By definition this makes even you a scientist. In fact you probably use the scientific method every day without even knowing it. May be you experimented with different types of fabric for clothing project, explored new ways of preserving fruit, tried three different paints to see what will work best for your glass lamp you designed or practiced using different photography techniques.

If you believe you used the scientific method in one of your 4-H static projects, consider applying for the Premier 4-H Science Award. All static exhibits which qualify for the Nebraska State Fair are able to apply for Premier 4-H Science Award. All applicants will be recognized for their use of science within their project area and will be eligible for one of 20 Premier 4-H Science Top exhibitor award which includes a $100 cash award sponsored by the Nebraska 4-H Foundation. We also recognize premier science projects at the county fair! You need to fill out the same separate premier science award application and bring it in with your project on entry day.

How can you apply? Identify which exhibit you will enter in the Premier 4-H Science Award. The Premier 4-H Science Award Application, found on the State Fair website or in your county fair book, must be submitted along with a photograph of the exhibit to the County Extension Office by the county’s entry deadline. The Extension Office will enter exhibit into its original State Fair class and the Premier 4-H Science Award class. For more information about the Premier 4-H Science Award, contact Ashley Benes at the Extension Office.

Take note: Cass County Extension Staff will be moving to the fairground’s 4-H Office the week before the fair. The fair office has a different phone number: 402-267-4415. If you call in at the regular number, and we don’t answer, give us a call at the 4-H Fair Office.

402-267-4415
You are Invited to the Cass County 4-H Fair Kickoff

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 beginning at 6:30 pm
Cass County Fairgrounds in the Open Air Auditorium
8400 144th Street, Weeping Water, NE

Everyone is invited to join us for an awesome kickoff event at the Cass County Fair. Come out to the fairgrounds to support and congratulate the exhibitors.

For the Cake Auction, 4H’ers make delicious baked items. Each item has a minimum bid of $5.00. From the monies earned, ½ goes to the 4-H member or club selling the item. The other ½ goes to the 4-H Council to fund programs, including: camp and workshop scholarships, community service projects, Citizenship Washington Focus sponsorship, static exhibit prizes, contest prizes, and more yearly expenses.

The 4-H Fashion Show and Awards program will follow the auction. Beautiful outfits, trophies & medallions will adorn the stage.

A sneak peek of exhibits and REFRESHMENTS will be held for everyone in the 4-H Building following the program.

Silent Auction bids for Quilts made by 4-Hers will begin after the Awards Program.
Kick-Off Event Information

Important information for those making items for the Cake Auction Information:

1) This opportunity is for ALL 4-Hers ages 8 to 18 (no Clover Kids) to showcase their baking and/or decorating skills.
2) 4-Hers must exhibit at least one item at the 2017 Cass County Fair.
3) All 4-Hers within a family may participate.
4) There is a limit of one item per 4-Her.
5) Each 4-H Club may bring one item to be auctioned.
6) No cream fillings or perishable ingredients are permitted. Due to hot weather, we need to be aware of food safety issues for all 4-H supporters buying baked items. Please follow this simple guideline to keep all food safe.
7) Item suggestions are: fancy cake or cupcakes made from scratch, decorated cake or cupcakes made from scratch, pie made from scratch (no cream pies), specialty bread made from scratch, or specialty cookies made from scratch.
8) 4-Her must be present at the auction and walk across the stage with their baked item.
9) 4-Her receives ½ the price of the auctioned item, and the 4-H Council receives the other ½. A 4-H leader may enter an item on behalf of their 4-H club (club receives ½ the price) but one of their 4-H members must walk across stage with the baked item.
10) 4-Hers need to sign up for the Cake Auction by noon on Monday, August 7th.
11) Baked items must be entered between 5:30 and 6:00 on Tuesday, August 8th, at the fairgrounds 4-H meeting room. Each 4-Her is responsible for their item, and all efforts will be made to keep item in bidable condition. When 4-Hers bring their item, they must fill out an entry card, including name, parent name(s), club name, and description of their baked item.
12) Minimum bid will be $5.00
13) No items entered for judging on Sunday, August 6th in the 4-H foods division will be eligible for the cake auction.

Process Example:
1. 4-Her draws a number when checking in with baked item at the fairgrounds 4-H meeting room by 6:00 p.m. (4-Hers line up by number on east side of the stage by 6:15 p.m.)
2. The same number is attached to the baked item.
3. Before 4-Her steps up on stage, he/she hands the number drawn to a volunteer.
4. 4-Her’s baked item is auctioned off, 4-Her exits the stage, a picture taken with the buyer, and 4-Her gives the baked item to a volunteer to take to the cashier.
5. Purchaser picks up the baked after he/she pays the cashier.

The Fashion Show/Awards program follows the Cake Auction. All trophies given out in the 4-H Building will be presented during the awards portion and will be held for the group photos for the newspaper BUT trophies and medallions need to be returned to the 4-H building to be displayed during the fair. (No other pictures will be taken for the newspaper.) All shooting sports awards will also be given out at the awards program.

A SNEAK Peek of exhibits and refreshments will be held for everyone at the 4-H Building following the fashion show and awards.
You are cordially invited to join Cass County 4-Hers at the County Fair on Saturday afternoon, August 12th at 2:00 p.m. to show your support at the Livestock Premium Auction.

Market Swine, Sheep, Beef, Goats and Rabbits will sell at the premium sale. The support premiums help defray the costs associated with the care of their 4-H animals. Some animals are not premium only, and can be purchased and sent to the locker.

The auction will take place in the 4-H arena at the Cass County Fairgrounds, 8400 144th Street, Weeping Water, NE

Questions, please call Dennis Heim - Livestock Premium Sale Superintendent, or the Cass County Extension Office at 402-267-2205.

All animals in the auction will sell for premium only (dollars per head not cents per pound). 4-H Exhibitors will have the choice of retaining ownership and receiving only the premium, or shipping the animal and receiving the premium in addition to sale proceeds from the buyer of the animal. Buyers of animals eligible for sale will still have the opportunity to purchase the animal for the base bid per pound times the animal’s weight in addition to the premium bid on the auction.
Character Counts Throughout 4-H!

Ribbons and trophies are only a small part of 4-H competitions and events, with character development the cornerstone. Parents are a powerful influence on the behavior their children exhibit.

At 4-H events, members are expected to follow a code of conduct based on the Six Pillars of Character: respect, responsibility, caring, fairness, citizenship, and trustworthiness.

When parents practice the Six Pillars, especially during the heat of competition, kids are more likely to embrace those values.

Parents should strive to do the following at 4-H events and fairs,

* Treat 4-H members, parents, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension staff, judges, and others with respect. Avoid insults, name calling, and yelling.
* Model the importance of obeying the laws and 4-H rules as an obligation of citizenship, responsibility, fairness, and trustworthiness.
* Model kindness and compassion. Recognize that everyone has unique skills and talents that can be used to help others and the community.
* Teach fairness by being open to others’ ideas, suggestions, and opinions. Treat all 4-H members impartially.
* Provide a safe environment, not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way—verbally, emotionally, or physically.

By following these guidelines, parents provide a positive experience not only for their children, but for other youth and adults at the Cass County Fair.

Please call the Extension Office if you don’t have internet access and need a paper copy of any of the information found in this newsletter.

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